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The Honorable Jane Henney, M.D.
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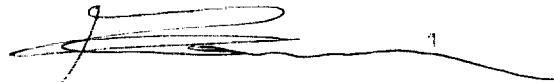
Dear Ms. Henney:

Beauty Without Cruelty has long opposed the nonmedicinal use of antibiotics to promote growth in farm animals; about 80% of antibiotics administered to farm animals is used for that purpose.

It has been shown that many antibiotics have become less effective in humans and that may be partly the result of human consumption of antibiotic treated animals.

There is no shortage of food in this country and subtherapeutic use of antibiotics is unnecessary. Therefore, on behalf of our thousands of members nationwide, we respectfully ask you to ban the nonmedicinal use of antibiotics on farm animals.

Sincerely,



Gene Salinas
Vice President

cc: Dr. Ethel Thurston
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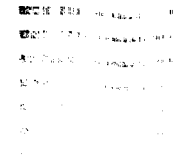
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